(ii) amendment in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 by raising the number filter from 100 to 300 for applicability of chapter VB and raising the compensation ceiling payable to workers on retrenchement, and on closure of the establishment, from 15 days' average pay to 45 days' average pay for every completed year of continuous service or any part thereof in excess of six months subject to the condition that such retrenchement compensation shall not be less that 90 days of average wages; and by extending the applicability of Section 36 B to all undertaking.

The views of the stakeholders are being received.

ILO convention on international safety of fishermen

3262. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ILO convened a convention on the International Safety of Fishermen in July, 2005;

(b) if so, whether India represented in the convention;

(c) whether Indian representative abstained from the voting on the law on safety of fishermen; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reason for abstaining from the voting?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. India alongwith other like-minded 138 countries, decided to abstain from the voting at the time of final record vote during 93rd Session of the ILC in June, 2005, as it was felt by developing countries that the draft Convention was very prescriptive and difficult to implement. The proposed Convention did not adequately address the concerns of the small fishermen who form bulk of the fishing sector in India. The new fishing instrument should be practicable and enforceable in countries like India with diverse ecologies and long coastlines.

ESI hospital in Bangalore

3263. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) has it come to the notice of the Government that lack of proper

supply of drugs and absence of ICU in the 500 bedded ESI Model Hospital in Rajajinagar, Bangalore, has caused great hardship to patients;

(b) the steps if any taken to provide ICU facility and ensure proper supply of drugs; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to hand over this hospital to the Karnataka Government for proper maintenance?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation had allocated Rs. 315 lacs for purchase of drugs and dressings in the budget of ESI Hospital-Rajajinagar, Bangalore for the financial year 2004-05 and no incidence of shortage of drugs has came to the notice. ICU services are being provided through tie-up arrangements made with M.S. Ramiah Hospital.

(c) No, Sir.

Guidelines for child labour

3264. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the guidelines on child labour;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that many States are not implementing the guidelines; and

(d) if so, the action taken against these States for non- compliance of the guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After the enactment of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, Government had adopted the National Policy on Child Labour in 1987 which contains the following action plan:-

- A legislation action plan,
- Focusing of general development programmes for benefiting children wherever possible, and
- Project-based plan of action for launching of projects for the welfare of working children in areas of high concentration of child labour.